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24 September 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Wilson

Sam:

You asked for my comments on the attached, which is a staff paper raising the possibility of reexamining the JAEIC mission. I have conferred with various people on this, including Ev Hineman and [] and I come to the conclusion that reconstituting JAEIC is not something in need of study or action at this time.

I have found some problem areas worth attention, however, and I will proceed to dig into them. It turns out that GMAIC, now WSSIC, has never been entirely satisfied with the yield data provided to them by JAEIC for the various weapons systems. I have asked Ev to have his committee take a more aggressive role in critiquing JAEIC's yields and be assured that they are derived as effectively as possible. Other than this, however, Hineman has never found difficulty in dealing with JAEIC. He would leave things as they are, and with his new committee and its broadened charge, is not anxious to take on anything in addition.

[] has no problem with JAEIC as constituted except in two areas. One has to do with that odd facility [] Because of its location, it has always been associated with atomic energy and hence a responsibility of JAEIC. [] and his committee, however, have to worry about the far out kind of scientific development including the possibility of charged particle beam systems, and he feels that [] looked at as a possibility outside the JAEIC arena. I agree, and believe both committees should devote separate attentions to the problem and keep one another informed.

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The other area of concern to [] is in my judgment, a far more important issue. He is concerned about the problem of energy in all its forms and what the USIB Committee structure might do to deal with it. The EIC, the STIC, JAEIC, and perhaps others all have a stake in this for different reasons. I intend to explore this in my sessions with the committee chairmen. One solution might be to create a special working group with representatives from all three committees under an energy committee consisting of all three committee chairmen. EIC already has an energy subcommittee. It is something we can probably build on.

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Great!
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One thing that needs early action is to go final on designating a new JAEIC chairman. The Agency nominee is [] who has been acting as chairman. He is well experienced with the task and the problem, and serves also as a deputy division chief in the Nuclear Energy Division of OSI. I think he is capable of the task, but I do think that we should invite nominees from others, particularly ERDA. How do you want to handle this?

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Who? DIA + ERDA?

[]
E. H. Knoche

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Attachments:

- Staff Paper - JAEIC

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Pls contact + see if others have nominees - we will take a look at response & then consult w/ Casby - Ernest will probably still be [] but we will have checked the Community -

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: JAEIC and its Future in the USIB Committee Structure

1. As you know, [] has stepped down as Chairman of the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee (JAEIC). He has been an effective, if sometimes irascible, leader of that committee, and it is doubtful that any other chairman could (or would) exercise the same degree of control over JAEIC. [] leaving is an important juncture in the committee's future. I believe the coincidence of this departure and the imminence of the DCI's decision on USIB committee responsibility offers an interesting and rare opportunity to streamline further the USIB structure.

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2. At this time, the DCI is weighing various options for the handling of foreign weapon systems analysis in the USIB committees. The option recommended to the DCI by the IC Staff is the merging of SIC's weapons analysis responsibilities with those of GMAIC to form a single committee which will study all aspects of weapon and space systems. To this end, there also are valid arguments for handling the study of missile warheads in the same committee as the study of missile propulsion and guidance. (The way a missile goes 'bang' is just as integral to overall weapon system capabilities as the way it flies.) Undoubtedly, there would be great value in having the people who estimate the size, weight, and configuration of re-entry vehicles work on the same committee with those who estimate the warhead's yield.

3. I am not necessarily advocating the dissolution of JAEIC at this time. JAEIC is involved with more than just estimating missile warhead yields; much of its activity relates to collection guidance and analyses which are not related to weaponry. I do believe, however, that the time is ripe for a serious study of the pros and cons of distributing JAEIC's weapon and non-weapon responsibilities to

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GMAIC (or whatever it will be called) and the SIC, respectively. As you can imagine, such a study will be more difficult once a new JAEIC chairman is appointed. Therefore, if anyone believes that the shifting of responsibilities from JAEIC to other committees might be a good idea, it is imperative that a feasibility study begin very soon.

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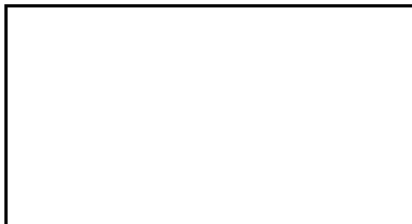


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19 August 1975

General Wilson,

I requested that OSI provide a supplemental narrative which would give a little more detail on CIA background than did the Biographical Profile sent to you this morning. This narrative is attached.



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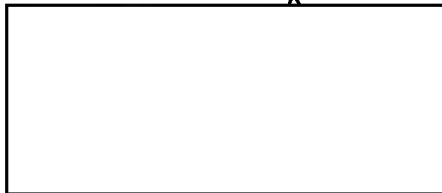
I have attached a copy of

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by [redacted] of OSI per your

request yesterday afternoon.



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